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## BROWNBACK KICKS OFF 2000 FOREIGN AMBASSADORS TOUR OF KANSAS

TOPEKA, KS  $\,-$  U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback kicked off the 2000 Kansas Foreign Ambassadors Tour this evening in Topeka at the Kansas History Center and Museum.

"I am pleased to welcome these Ambassadors and high level officials to Kansas," Brownback said. "Over the next few days, our distinguished visitors, from literally around the world, will witness Kansas' world-class products and services first-hand.

"The purpose of the 2000 Kansas Foreign Ambassadors Tour is to strengthen the state's relationship with foreign countries by facilitating international trade and investment. We have a great itinerary, and I am excited for the possibilities that this tour holds," Brownback said.

Kansas Governor Bill Graves offered the following comments on the Tour: "The state of Kansas is pleased to be hosting this distinguished group of international visitors. It is an opportunity for us to build good will and promote the many opportunities and advantages Kansas offers as a global trading partner," Graves said.

The 2000 Kansas Foreign Ambassadors Tour will be in Topeka and Manhattan tomorrow, May 31; Abilene, Salina, Hutchinson, and Wichita on Thursday, June 1; and Wichita on Friday morning, June 2. The tour is coordinated by the Kansas World Trade Center in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing.

As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Brownback has the unique opportunity to develop relationships with Ambassadors and representatives from many nations. He is utilizing this position to help Kansas businesses and foster economic opportunities by inviting the Ambassadors and other high level officials to Kansas so they can become better acquainted with goods produced and services offered by Kansas companies.